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HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SOME CONCERN AT THE MINISTRY  
 LEVEL OVER SETTING A PRECEDENT OF THIS TYPE. IN THE  
 END, THE FACT THAT THE REQUEST ORIGINATES FROM  
 UGANDA'S FRIENDS IN KIGALI IS PROBABLY THE BEST  
 INDICATOR THAT THE GOU WILL NOT OBJECT.  
 NEVERTHELESS, THE UGANDANS WILL WANT TO BE SEEN AS  
 DELIBERATE AND ACTING IN THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS.

5. KIGALI MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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SUBJECT: RWANDA WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL

REF: A) STATE 286662 B) NEW YORK 04520

1. AMBASSADOR MET OCTOBER 26 WITH MINISTRY OF  
 FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY CHRIS KATZIGAZI,  
 AND DELIVERED DEMARCHE CONCERNING THE SECURITY  
 COUNCIL RESOLUTION CREATING THE RWANDA WAR CRIMES  
 TRIBUNAL AS REQUESTED IN REF (A). KATZIGAZI SAID  
 THAT HE HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE  
 UGANDAN MISSION TO THE UN, BUT THAT MFA WAS  
 CONSULTING WITH THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE PRIOR TO  
 MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER.

2. CONCURRENTLY, POLOFF, IN MEETING WITH MFA'S  
 DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NATHAN  
 IRUMBA, RELAYED TALKING POINTS DESCRIBED IN REF (A).  
 IRUMBA, WHO IS THE MFA'S ACTION OFFICER FOR RELAYING  
 INSTRUCTIONS TO THE UN MISSION, REPLIED THAT THE GOU  
 CONSIDERS JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF RWANDAN WAR CRIMES  
 TO BE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY, AND HE BELIEVED THE GOU  
 WOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
 TRIBUNAL TO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER ACTS COMMITTED BY  
 RWANDANS IN THE TERRITORY OF NEIGHBORING STATES.

3. FYI, IRUMBA ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS NOT/NOT AWARE  
 OF ANY FRENCH LOBBYING EFFORT IN KAMPALA REGARDING  
 THE PROPOSED WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE GOU WILL  
 INSTRUCT ITS MISSION TO SUPPORT THE WAR CRIMES  
 TRIBUNAL. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI HAS PREVIOUSLY  
 EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BRINGING THE  
 PERPETRATORS OF GENOCIDE TO JUSTICE, AND BELIEVES  
 THAT PUNISHMENT OF WAR CRIMINALS IS ESSENTIAL TO  
 ESTABLISHING STABILITY IN RWANDA. THE EFFECT ON  
 UGANDA OF EXTENDING THE TRIBUNAL'S JURISDICTION TO  
 NEIGHBORING STATES IS MINIMAL, SINCE ACTS UNDER THE  
 TRIBUNAL'S JURISDICTION ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE  
 OCCURRED IN TANZANIA OR ZAIRE THAN IN UGANDA.

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